



Mary Hockaday, Cheryl Cabbil named new associate directors

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To head Experimental Physics, Nuclear High Hazards programs at Los Alamos

LOS ALAMOS, N.M., Dec. 5, 2013—Los Alamos National Laboratory recently announced two new associate directors: Mary Hockaday is the associate director of the Experimental Physical Sciences Directorate and Cheryl Cabbil joined the Laboratory Monday (Dec. 2) as associate director for Nuclear and High Hazard Operations.

"Mary is a 30-year veteran of the Lab and currently serves in a joint role as the deputy associate director for the Weapons Physics directorate as well as leading LANL's MaRIE signature facility effort," said Laboratory Director Charlie McMillan. "She is skilled and passionate in communicating with the scientific and customer communities on issues concerning Laboratory capabilities and national security."

"Cheryl brings a distinguished track record for developing and implementing nuclear facility management programs, for improving nuclear and high hazard conduct of operations, nuclear safety bases, integrated safety management, R&D laboratory operations and nuclear quality assurance," McMillan said. "She has demonstrated leadership skill in working with regulators, including the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, stakeholders and staff to identify common ground and gain consensus."

Mary Hockaday

Hockaday has worked at the Laboratory for more than 30 years. She was the deputy associate director for the Weapons Physics Directorate prior to her new appointment, and served as Los Alamos' program director in support of the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration's Science and Inertial Confinement Fusion and High Yield campaigns.

"I am very excited about returning to my roots with this opportunity to lead Experimental Physical Sciences," Hockaday said. "The people and scientific capabilities in this organization are truly remarkable. I am honored indeed."

Hockaday is a member of the American Physical Committee on the Status of Women in Physics and is on the advisory committee for New Mexico State University's physics department. She has also served on numerous review panels including those for DOE, Sandia National Laboratories and Cornell University. Hockaday has a bachelor's degree

in physics from the University of Hawaii and master's and doctoral degrees in physics from New Mexico State University.

Cheryl Cabbil

Cabbil comes to the Laboratory from UCOR, the DOE cleanup contractor for the Oak Ridge Reservation where she was vice president for Environment, Safety, Health and Quality Assurance. Previously, Cabbil was senior vice president for United Research Services Safety Management Solutions and deputy laboratory director of Research Operations and Assurance at Savannah River National Laboratory.

Her leadership experience includes tritium operations at the Savannah River Site, radiological control operations, nuclear safety, integrated safety management systems and quality assurance, among others.

"I am honored to join the prestigious Los Alamos National Laboratory team, and particularly, the Nuclear High Hazard Operations Directorate; it serves a key role in enabling the Laboratory to achieve its mission and critical objectives..." Cabbil said.

Cabbil has a bachelor's degree in microbiology from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in occupational and environmental health from Wayne State University.

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